

Ibadan Flood: Ondo commiserates with Oyo people over disaster



Governor Mimiko

The Ondo State Government on Sunday expressed shock over the flood that ravaged the ancient city of Ibadan during which several lives and property were lost saying that the disaster was very unfortunate.

The State Governor, Dr Olusegun Mimiko who rued the wanton waste of lives and property that trailed this weekend's flood which he regretted came about five days to a similar one that happened on August 31, 1980, commiserated with the people and government of Oyo State, the Olubadan of Ibadan, Oba Samuel Odulana, the Olubadan-In-Council and families of those who lost their loved ones and property and prayed to God to console them.

Mimiko in a release signed on his behalf by his Chief Press Secretary, Mr Kolawole Olabisi, said: ``I want to commiserate with the entire people of Ibadan, Oyo state in general and my colleague, Alhaji Abiola Ajimobi, the Governor of the State, who had to cut his Umrah in Mecca short to take charge of things in Ibadan over this sad incident and the attendant woes that trailed it.

``It is not only an unfortunate incident but a sad one indeed coming at a time when we thought we have got such unfortunate occurrences behind us in this country. It is equally regrettable that the fury of the flood reared its head again barely five days to a similar dreadful incident in the city on August 31, 1980, 31 years ago.

``May the good Lord console our people and grants those who lost their lives eternal rest in His bosom. May He also give the families of the deceased the fortitude to bear their losses. I also wish to console those who lost property not to despair as I am sure that government will rise to the occasion and help you out to resettle and resume your normal lives.``